

Snow Emergency/Parking Ban

During a declared snow emergency/parking ban, there is NO on-street parking in the Town of Brookline. This includes all parking meters regardless of Town issued parking permits or handicap placards or plates.

Residents with permits to park overnight in the Town-owned lots are not required to move their vehicles until 9am after the parking ban is lifted.

All unauthorized vehicles remaining on the street or in the public lots will be issued citations and towed by the Brookline Police Department.

Stay informed:

To find out when a parking ban begins & ends:

- * The Commissioner will send out a recorded phone message declaring a parking ban
- * Visit www.brooklinema.gov
- * Call the Seasonal Information Line for a recorded message at: 617-730-2610
- * Tune in to the Local News Stations



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Watch Brookline Interactive Group local access station 3, Municipal ch. 23/15

Report a Problem

To report a snow or ice issue on a street or sidewalk:



- * Download the BrookONline app on your smartphone
- * Visit www.brooklinema.gov and click "Report a Problem"
- * Call 617-730-2156 during regular business hours:
M-Th 8 am-5 pm, Fri 8 am-12:30 pm

Town of Brookline
Department of Public Works
870 Hammond Street
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467



Brookline Winter Regulations

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WINTER GUIDE

for Brookline Property Owners,
Businesses, and Residents



Erin Chute Gallentine
Commissioner of Public Works

www.brooklinema.gov/publicworks

Department of Public Works: A Team Approach to Safety

During snow storms, it is the Town's goal to remove snow and ice from roadways as efficiently and effectively as possible while keeping the roads open and essential traffic moving safely. For municipal crews to accomplish this goal community cooperation is required.

New England winters often bring extreme cold, heavy snow, ice, sleet, and can pose serious hazards. Every storm develops differently depending on temperature, wind, moisture content, snow accumulation per hour and duration.

The DPW removes snow and ice from over 250 lane miles of roadway, 46 miles of sidewalk, 20 school and municipal properties, 15 public parking lots, 30 public parks and paths. Major arterial roadways, hills and intersections are often treated before plow operations commence, usually after 2" of snow has fallen. Snow plowing operations remain underway until all roadways are cleared adequately for the safety of the traveling public.

Immediately after a storm, snow banks are pushed back to the curb line, and in some cases removed, in order to provide for adequate storage space for future storms. Please consider this timetable when clearing your driveway, front walkway, and sidewalks, so that you may not be disappointed when a snowplow passes by after the snow has stopped falling.

Please be considerate of the huge responsibility that DPW employees have before, during and after each storm.

Snow Emergency Information:
617-730-2610
www.brooklinema.gov

Trash & Recycling

To keep your trash and recycling service running smoothly during the snow season, please follow the tips below:

- * Shovel a path for recycling and waste carts.
- * Make sure carts are clear of snow and ice.
- * Place carts close to the street. Carts will not be picked up behind snow banks.
- * Leave a 4-inch space on either side of the recycling and waste carts to provide easy access for the trucks' automated arms.
- * Loose recycling and waste will not be picked up unless placed in the recycling and waste carts.

Please Do This



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NOT THIS



Snow Removal: It's the Law

Brookline's bylaws require property owners to "maintain sidewalks contiguous to their property in a non-slippery condition suitable for pedestrian travel by clearing all snow and ice from a pathway at least thirty-six (36) inches in width". The cleared walk must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, including the removal of snow and ice from any adjoining wheelchair ramps or curb cuts. Please help all members of our community move safely through Town.

- * Single-family and multi-family residences (less than 4 families or units) must comply with this bylaw within 30 hours of a storm's end.
- * Commercial properties and multi-family residences (more than 4 families or units) must comply within 3 hours of a storm's end or within 3 hours after sunrise if the storm ends overnight.

The storm's end time will be posted on the Town's website.

If a property owner does not clear the walk and a complaint is received, notice will be given to the owner. If you fail to comply with the Town's sidewalk bylaw, you could be issued fines ranging from \$100-\$250 per day.

Snow Removal Tips

- * If physically limited or out of town, it is still the property owner's responsibility to make arrangements to clear the sidewalk.
- * Clear openings at intersections and crosswalks so pedestrians can cross safely.
- * Apply ice-melt (CaCl_2 or KCL) frequently to prevent snow from packing down and forming ice.
- * Help the Public Safety Department by clearing catch basins and snow covered fire hydrants adjacent to your property.

